

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Authority, Among Other Things, to Increase Rates and Charges for Electric and Gas Service Effective on January 1, 2017. (U39M)

Application 15-09-001 (Filed September 1, 2015)

E-MAIL RULING GRANTING PARTY STATUS TO CALIFORNIANS FOR GREEN NUCLEAR POWER AND THE CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

Dated August 2, 2016, at San Francisco, California.

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Administrative Law Judge

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Subject: A.15-09-001: E-Mail Ruling Granting Party Status to Californians for Green Nuclear Power and the City of San Luis Obispo

To the service list in A.15-09-001:

This E-Mail Ruling grants Party status to Californians for Green Nuclear Power and the City of San Luis Obispo, as clarified below.

On July 27, 2016 and July 29, 2016, respectively, Californians for Green Nuclear Power and the City of San Luis Obispo filed Motions for Party Status in this proceeding.

Rule 1.4 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure addresses participation in Commission proceedings. Pursuant to Rule 1.4 (b), a person seeking party status by motion shall:

- (1) fully disclose the persons or entities in whose behalf the filing, appearance or motion is made, and the interest of such persons or entities in the proceeding; and
- (2) state the factual and legal contentions that the person intends to make and show that the contentions will be reasonably pertinent to the issues already presented.

Rule 1.4 (c) states that the assigned Administrative Law Judge may, where circumstances warrant, deny party status or limit the degree to which a party may participate in the proceeding.

With respect to Rule 1.4(b)(1), Californians for Green Nuclear Power states that it is an independent not-for profit educational group, some of whose members live near PG&E's Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP) and otherwise benefit from the economic contribution of DCPP to the local economy.

The City of San Luis Obispo (the City) states that it is the major population center, county seat, and economic and civic center for San Luis Obispo County – the location of DCPP, and that DCPP is a significant generator of economic benefits and public tax revenues for the City. Many residents of the City are employed directly and indirectly by PG&E and its contractors. DCPP provides financial support and services to community-based social organizations and charities. Reliable and predictable electrical power from DCPP or its replacement is essential for the continued social well-being and economic growth of the City.

The City further states that the future of the City and its residents is directly impacted by the outcome of these proceedings, and that "recent developments and announcements regarding the future of Diablo Canyon are of significant concern to the community, and participation by the City in these proceedings is warranted."

With respect to Rule 1.4(b)(2), Californians for Green Nuclear Power (CGNP) state that because costs related to Diablo Canyon's operations, maintenance, and depreciation are included in PG&E's general rate case, CGNP also has interests in this proceeding, and for these reasons, CGNP requests party status in order to allow full participation by CGNP in the Commission's process for review and consideration of PG&E's Diablo Canyon-related costs and operational status.

The City states that the City has a vested interest in this proceeding because costs related to Diablo Canyon's operations, maintenance, and depreciation are included in

PG&E's general rate case. For these reasons, the City requests party status so that it can fully participate in the Commission's process for review and consideration of PG&E's Diablo Canyon-related costs.

The motions of Californians for Green Nuclear Power and the City of San Luis Obispo meet the requirements of Rule 1.4 (b), and are therefore granted, as clarified below:

CGNP and the City are cautioned that the scope of this proceeding does not include, directly or indirectly, the June 20, 2016 <u>Joint Proposal of Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Friends of the Earth, Natural Resources Defense Council, Environment California, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1245, Coalition of California Utility Employees and <u>Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility to Retire Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant at Expiration of the Current Operating Licenses and Replace It With a Portfolio of GHG Free Resources</u> (Joint Proposal). Both CGNP and the City make direct and indirect reference to the Joint Proposal in their motions. That proposal is not yet before the Commission, and the scope of this proceeding is limited to PG&E's customary general rate case requests for capital and operations and maintenance revenue requirements, including for facilities like DCPP, for the period 2017-2019 only.</u>

THE DOCKET OFFICE SHALL FORMALLY FILE THIS RULING.

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